

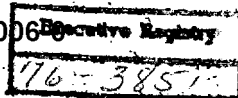
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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with NSA Officials by Ambassador Heck and  


At Ambassador Heck's invitation, I went with him on 3 November to NSA where we met with General Allen, his Deputy, and other top officials. The following topics were covered:

1. We were given a briefing on the NSA Operations Center which is maintained on a 24-hour basis with more than 50 analysts and extensive computer support. The head of the Operations Center works closely with Vince Heyman and stressed that coordination was effective and that there were no problems.

2. Ambassador Heck raised with General Allen the question as to the extent of support NSA could provide in the event of a terrorist incident in which telephone contacts by the terrorists with supporters in the United States might be involved. General Allen made it clear that such electronic eavesdropping involving American persons would have to be approved by the Attorney General and he doubted very much whether a general waiver of this requirement could be obtained even though lives might be at stake. He suggested that Ambassador Heck take this matter up with Justice and work out some procedure whereby a quick clearance in an emergency could be obtained. Ambassador Heck plans to do so.

3. There was general discussion of what course international terrorism might take in the future and I spelled out the indications we have that some of the Palestinian organizations might be considering reactivation of their terrorist squads in view of the setbacks in Lebanon. NSA officials expressed satisfaction with the recent meeting on the working level with ITC and stated that the priority nature of the terrorism target was well understood down the line.  remains "the coordinator."

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